

**GEN. SMITH HAS SURGERY**

**Ex - Ambassador Undergoes  
- Eye Operation in Boston**

BOSTON, May 20 (AP)—Gen. Walter Bedell Smith, former director of Central Intelligence, underwent surgery today at the Massachusetts Eye and Ear Infirmary for a torn retina in the right eye.

The operation was performed by Dr. Charles L. Schepens, chief of the infirmary's retinal service. The cause of the ailment was not disclosed.

The general was expected to be sitting up in a few hours and to be hospitalized a week or two. It will be about a week before it can be determined how much vision will be had in the right eye.

General Smith heads the A. M. F. Atomic, Inc. He flew here from Washington Saturday. The general, who is 61 years old, formerly served as chief of staff to General Eisenhower, Ambassador to Russia and Undersecretary of State.